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RESOLUTIONS CONCERNING PERSONAL LIBERTY.

Resolved by the General Assembly of North Carolina,
2 That the people of North Carolina value beyond all price,
3 their personal liberty and those constitutional guarantees
4 which declare, "That no freeman ought to be taken, im-
5 prisoned or disseized of his freehold liberties or privileges
6 or outlawed or exiled, or in any manner destroyed or de-
7 prived of his life, liberty, or property, but by the law of
8 the land," and "that every freeman restrained of his lib-
9 erty, is entitled to a remedy to enquire into the lawfulness
10 thereof, and to remove the same, if unlawful; and that
11 such remedy ought not to be denied or delayed," that "in
12 all criminal prosecutions, the accused shall enjoy the right
13 to a speedy and public trial, by an impartial jury of the
14 State and district wherein the crime shall have been com-
15 mitted, and to be informed of the nature and cause of the
16 accusation to be confronted with witnesses against him, to
17 have compulsory process for obtaining witnesses in his fa-
18 vor and to have the assistance of counsel for his defence."

Resolved, That in the opinion of this General Assembly,
2 the suspension of the writ of *habeas corpus* by the execu-
3 tive authority of the Confederate States, at and in the vi-
4 cinity of the town of Salisbury, in this State, (200 miles
5 from any enemy of the Confederacy,) is in direct contra-
6 vention of the rights and privileges of our citizens, as
7 guaranteed by the highest authority known to this State,
8 and surely tends to the subversion of the liberties of our

9 people, if the same is submitted to as a rightful exercise
10 of Confederate authority ; and believing that the exercise
11 of such power will have the effect of rendering the Con-
12 federate government odious to our people, and tend to
13 alienate their affections from the common cause in which
14 we are engaged, we do respectfully, but solemnly protest
15 against the suspension of said writ at any point within the
16 State, unless the same be in such danger of attack by the
17 enemy as to require the declaration of martial law for its
18 effective defence ; and we do hereby request His Excel-
19 lency, the President of the Confederate States, to revoke
20 any and all orders suspending said writ at and in the vi-
21 cinity of the town of Salisbury.

Resolved, That in the opinion of this General Assembly,
2 we have laws upon our statute books sufficiently stringent,
3 to punish all manner of disloyal conduct of recreant citi-
4 zens of this State, and judges of unimpeachable integrity
5 to administer the same. (And if the laws of the Confed-
6 eracy are insufficient for that purpose, it is the duty of
7 Congress to supply the deficiency.)

Resolved, That the Governor transmit a copy of these
2 resolutions to the President of the Confederate States, and
3 to each of our Senators and Representatives in Congress.

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